

Pros and Cons of BWC. Thoughts of 4/18/00  
{cf letter to N.A. Sims}

If we had <sup>high</sup> hopes, they surely are disappointed.  
Nevertheless we are much further ahead with the BWC than without.

- 1) Most important: Sans BWC, the world might see an all out legitimized technology race for BW development.

Worst would have been our own high tech impetus to that development.

- a) catalyzing competitive reactions
  - b) energizing the most sophisticated new technology that eventually spreads
- 2) Our security does not depend on our having BW -- no parallel with nuclear. It depends on denying it to others.
  - 3) The BWC dampens and complicates others' effort even if it does not abolish them.
  - 4) The BWC legitimates every other step we can take, as problematic as that enforcement has become.

Enforcement, not verification, is the chief obstacle, and that will only be bolstered by a strong "moral" position.

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